

**AGENDA ITEM 8:      Delta Watermaster Activities**

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Water Resources Control Board)

Requested Action: **Receive report on Delta Watermaster activities**

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Background: The Office of the Delta Watermaster is responsible for overseeing the day-to-day administration of water rights, enforcement activities, and reports on water right activities regarding diversions within the Sacramento - San Joaquin Delta. The position was created in the 2009 Delta Reform Act. Michael George was appointed as Delta Watermaster in December 2014 and will serve a four-year term.

Mr. George last appeared before the Commission on March 16, 2017 and provided an update on the Delta agricultural consumptive use study, State Water Resources Control Board activities related to the Delta, and implementation of new measurement regulations, among other topics. The Commission provided a modest amount of funding (\$20,000 in FY 2015-16 funding) to support the Delta agricultural consumptive use study.

Mr. George will provide an update on the agricultural consumptive use study, the recent release of Phase 2 documents of the Water Quality Control Plan, implementation of the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (WIIN), restoration activities and plans in the Delta, and efforts to consolidate lessons learned from the 2012-16 drought for administration of water rights in future shortage conditions.